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An economic and cultural agreement between the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was signed on 23 Nov 53. The agreement in general terms, provides for closer economic and cultural ties between the two countries, to be implemented by separate specific agreements between the economic, trade, communications, cultural and educational departments of the two governments

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Encl. English translation of agreement, 1 page.

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Sino-Korean-Agreement

The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea hold that the strong solidarity between the Chinese and Korean peoples has assured the great victories that have been won in their joint struggle against imperialist aggression and in the defense of peace in the Far East. With a view to consolidating this solidarity and continuing to develop the traditional, unbreakable friendship between the peoples of the two countries, it is the common demand of the two Governments to further strengthen the economic and cultural ties between the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Both Governments are in the profound belief that the strengthening and development of this cooperation between the two countries are consistent with the vital interests of the two peoples and are of great significance to the cause of defending peace in the Far East. For this purpose, it has now been decided to conclude the present agreement and the following full power delegates have been appointed by the respective high contracting parties:

Chou En-lai, Premier of the Government Administration Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, specially appointed by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China, and Kim II Sung, Premier of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, specially appointed by the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The full power delegates of both high contracting parties have examined each other's full power credentials and considered them satisfactory. The following terms have been agreed upon between them:

Article 1. Both high contracting parties shall ensure the consolidation and development of the economic and cultural relations between the two countries on the basis of friendship, mutual assistance, equality and reciprocity and shall extend to each other all possible economic and technical aid, carry out the necessary economic and technical cooperation and endeavor to promote cultural exchange between the two countries.

Article 2. With a view to implementing the present agreement, the economic, trade, communications, cultural and educational departments of both high contracting parties shall separately conclude specific agreements on the basis of the present agreement.

Article 3. The present agreement shall be ratified as soon as possible and shall come into effect and shall be valid for a period of ten years from the date of its ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged in Pyongyang. In the absence of notification of its abrogation by either high contracting party one year before its expiration, the present agreement shall be automatically prolonged for another ten years.

Done in Peiping on November 23, 1953 with two copies and each copy has been prepared in both Chinese and Korean, the text in both languages being equally authentic.

Chou En-lai, full power delegate of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

Kim II Sung, Full power delegate of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.